GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5625
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Toxins in Litchi Fruits
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken note of media reports in the recent past regarding toxins in litchi fruits and side effects of consumption of litchi;

(b) whether any investigation has been done to find out facts in the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to determine suitability of litchi fruit for human consumption and to advise common man and other stakeholders in the matter?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): The Government is aware of the study published in the media regarding association of acute toxic encephalopathy due to litchi consumption.
(b): No
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(c): Does not arise
(d): The cases reported in the media were related to consumption of unripe fruits on an empty stomach. The Indian Council of Medical Research has informed that litchi fruit is safe for human consumption.
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